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WHY NOT MR. FORD

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Senator Newberry, having resigned in the face of a volume of popular criticism that could not possibly be ignored, the duty devolves upon the governor of Michigan to appoint a successor to serve until the election of 1924. Michigan politicians are discussing the names of many eminent citizens of that state who are admirably qualified to receive this appointment, and to serve to the general public satisfaction. Among those mentioned are President Burton of the University of Michigan, whose notable achievements in the development of that great institution of learning have been watched with interest and high approval by its large body of alumni throughout the United States; Mr. William Aiden Smith, a former United States Senator from Michigan, whose service, if not brilliant, was at least creditable and always marked by a high order of public spirit; and Mayor James Couzens, of Detroit, a man of very large means, who has given his life and no small part of his fortune to the public service, and who is conducting in the city of which he is the mayor an experiment in the municipal operation of street railways, and in the extension of other municipal functions which is attracting very wide attention.

Anyone of these gentlemen possesses qualities which might well justify his appointment to the Senate, but curiously enough no sense of justice seems to have impelled anyone in Michigan to make the suggestion that the man who was defeated by the lavish use of money in support of Mr. Newberry should be given the seat which is now vacated. Why is there no suggestion of Mr. Henry Ford?

It may be argued that not merely was Mr. Ford defeated in the election which has caused so much controversy, but that the Democratic party, whose candidate he was, was likewise defeated, and that no Democrat should be appointed as Mr. Newberry's successor. The answer to this is sufficiently clear, namely, that the election in question was one in which party lines were broken down at every point, and that Mr. Ford himself is far from being regarded as an avowed partisan Democrat. Many considerations would seem to unite to make it the part of fair play for the governor of Michigan to consider the propriety of appointing to the seat which Mr. Newberry has vacated, the man who was deprived of that seat by campaign methods which have been so generally condemned. Moreover, as the term thus to be filled is but a short one whether the extraordinary qualities which have made Mr. Ford a leading and an admirable figure in the industrial world could be made of equal value in the service of the nation.

THAT IS OUT

What the average man wants for his Christmas is to see turkeys priced so low that he can't really afford to buy roast beef.

It's got so nowadays that we spend about six months getting ready for the holidays and six months recovering from them.

If they're making moving pictures in Russia now they probably call them "commotion pictures."

Some fellows do not hesitate about breaking a promise because it's so easy to make another one.

There's this about the ex-kaiser's new wife—she won't have any trouble keeping him home.

Every married man is the head of his house at least once a month—and that's when the bills come due.

Maybe the reason that fat men are good natured is because good natured men are always fat.

We see in a New York paper where a detective of that city is bragging about the crooks he has caught. But look at the crowd he has to pick from.

The hunter who says he is going to bring you a couple of pheasants next time he goes hunting is a cousin to the fellow who is always promising to come around and take you for a nice auto ride.

DON'T MAKE IT WORSE

The Japanese language school question in Hawaii has been for the past several years a troublesome issue between Americans and Japanese. It has become more and more serious. While this is principally due to the general trend of affairs, over-emphasized and unnecessary misapprehension and misunderstanding on the part of Americans and lack of foresight and inadequate provision on the part of the Japanese to meet the situation are contributory causes which aggravated the situation. The issue seems to have become a question of sentiment, against which we should guard ourselves.

The desire of the Japanese is to stop locking horns over the Japanese school question. Opposition to the language school regulations which have been signed by the governor, in the form of a test case, would not only precipitate a legal controversy, American versus Japanese, but would alienate the feelings between the two peoples, affecting almost every matter in which they are concerned.

In view of this fact and of the nature of the question and in consideration of the situation, we have been opposed to litigation from the very beginning, repeatedly expressing ourselves to this effect.

Enforcement of the new regulations beginning January 1, 1923, which is the middle of the school term, may cause difficulties. It may be unbearable, sentimentally, to see language school children drop their studies. There is sympathy for them. The somewhat antagonistic stand of Japanese parents, many of whom were against litigation at first, comes, in our opinion, from this sympathy for their children. And it is not our intention to force them to be quiet.

However, there is a point which we must consider in this connection, and that is that the action of Japanese made it necessary for the governor to sign the regulations. While no good can come from crying over spilt milk, it is a fact that the irresponsible act and blunder of the officials of the Japanese Society of Hawaii, existing as a representative organization of Japanese residents here, have caused the present mess. We vigorously protested against the officials of the society. But all is over now. We should, however, be cautious not to be misled by a few agitators and worse confound the question.

The statement of the conservative men of the Japanese community against litigation, for the consideration of others, is most timely. These men are not all in favor of reducing the course of study in the language schools. Their opinion was divided on the scope and time of application of the regulations. But, knowing that a legal contest, irrespective of victory or defeat, would prove detrimental to the general interest, they decided to make a public statement of their conviction.

We hope that the parents' association which met last night, realizing its responsibility and the evil effects of litigation not only on school children but on the Japanese residents, will take a calm stand and reject the proposal of a certain faction to test the case.—Daily Nippon Jiji.



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